Original of Abjuration the which he Subscribed with the Test and then Journal, took his place at the Board.

M' Robert Gouldsborough M' Thomas Frisby M' James Philips and M' John Wells bring from the House of Delegates

By the House of Delegates Sepr 7th 1704.

In answer to a Message Sent to this House from his Excy the Governour and the honble Council by Thomas Tench and Robert Smith Esqrs Yesterday The House ordered that the Thanks of this House be given to his Excellency for his kind Expression of a tender regard he hath of the Liberties and Priviledges of the members of this house expressed in the said Message and they do humbly hope that his Excellency will be pleased so continue the Same

Signed p order W Taylard Cl Ho. Del.

Came Lieut^t Col Smallwood and presented M^r Gerard Foulke a Delegate for Charles County to whom were administred the oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy as also the Oath of Abjuration the which he Subscribed with the Test. The same Col Smallwood brought with him the following Message.

By the House of Delegates Sep^r 6th 1704

Upon reading and debating the Laws this house Nemine Contradicente resolve it is absolutely necessary that the whole body of the Laws be Revised and that it be now done accordingly

If therefore your Excellency and Council have any Thing

to offer on this Subject the House is ready to receive it

Signed p order W Taylard Cl ho Del

Lieut Col William Barton with five other Members bring from the House a bill for regulating ordinarys

Mr Greenfield and Mr Young present to this Board the Members chosen to Serve for Somersett County Vizt Mr Joseph Gray Mr John Waters Mr John Jones and Mr John Macclaster who after they had the usual and appointed oaths administred to them and they had Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test withdrew

The Council adjourns till the Afternoon